

**NOTIFICATION TO: Local Building Departments, Mobile Home Communities,  
Local Health Departments and Interested Parties**

**DEQ AND DLEG PROGRAM TRANSITION**  
**Re: Mobile Home Communities**

The State of Michigan's role in oversight of mobile home communities is changing due to recent state budget cuts. More specifically, DEQ's role as set forth in Sections 6, 11, and 17 of the Mobile Home Commission Act, 1987 PA 96 has been modified. Both DEQ and DLEG have developed a plan for transitioning certain responsibilities from DEQ to DLEG.

Following each of the above sections of the Act, a summary transition plan is outlined below that is being implemented by DEQ, DLEG, and local government agencies.

**Section 6 (1)**

**(a) Water supply system:**

--DEQ will maintain oversight for water supply systems in certain mobile home parks as set forth under the Safe Water Drinking Act including complaint resolution. More specifically, DEQ will maintain oversight and responsibility for all mobile home parks with private well systems with the current estimated number approximating 400 mobile home parks. DEQ will retain oversight of mobile home parks whose water systems are owned by a municipality. However, DLEG is responsible for mobile home community owned water supply systems that are connected to municipal water systems.

**(b) Sewage Collection and Disposal System:**

--DEQ will maintain oversight of mobile home parks which have proprietary water sewage treatment plants. DLEG is responsible for all such sewer lines connected to this type of system. New parks (or park additions) will comply with DLEG requirements for installation of the sewer lines. The park resident is responsible for the sewer line connection between the unit and the park sewer line.

--DEQ will not maintain responsibility for sewage systems connected to municipal sewer lines. The local municipality is responsible for problems occurring between the connection of municipal sewer line and the park line. DLEG is responsible for sewage lines within the mobile home parks connected to municipal sewer systems. New parks (or park additions) will comply with the DLEG requirements for installation of sewer lines.

--DEQ will maintain responsibility for certain below grade septic systems. DEQ will maintain oversight (including issuance of permits) for below grade sewage systems discharging over 10,000 gallons. Local health departments are responsible for approval of permits for park septic systems under 10,000 gallons. DLEG is responsible for sewage

lines within the parks for septic systems with discharge of less than 10,000 gallons. New parks (or park additions) with systems under 10, 000 gallons must comply with the DLEG requirements for installation of sewer lines. The park resident is responsible for the sewer line connected between the unit and the park sewer line.

(c) Drainage:

--DLEG and local building departments are responsible for enforcement and complaint investigations of storm water drainage problems. New mobile home parks (and additions) would have to comply with requirements of the county drain commissioner and any applicable standards set forth in the Michigan Building and Michigan Plumbing codes or other DLEG requirements for new park construction or expansion.

(d) Garbage; (e) Insect and Rodent Control; (f) General Operation and Maintenance:

--Local building departments will be responsible for enforcement of property maintenance standards in mobile home communities throughout the state in accordance with their locally adopted ordinances or in accordance with “unsafe structures” provisions of the Michigan Residential and Building codes.

(e) Certifications of Compliance under Section 17 of the Act:

--Refer to Section 17 below.

**Section 11:**

--Coordination of Approvals-- For new park construction, the DLEG will continue to coordinate with other state and/or local governmental entities for approvals prior to issuance of construction permits.

**Section 17:**

---Neither DEQ nor DLEG will perform annual inspections of mobile home parks. Parks will be inspected by DLEG on complaint basis only regarding certain sewage and applicable water issues and significant health, safety, and welfare issues. Additionally, local building departments will inspect parks relative to complaints regarding property maintenance, drainage, and health and safety issues in accordance with local ordinances or in accordance with “unsafe structures” provisions of the Michigan Residential and Building codes.

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